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26 January 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Visit to [REDACTED]
Contracts [REDACTED]

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- REFERENCES: a. PAR-243 Briefing Print Enlarger (Prototype).
b. PAR-244 Spare Parts for Roller Transport Processors.
c. PAR-245 High Magnification Lens Set.
d. Joint Procurement of BPE under Contract [REDACTED]

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1. On 11 and 12 January 1967 the undersigned, [REDACTED] visited [REDACTED] to review Progress on the below listed tasks. [REDACTED] personnel contacted were: [REDACTED]

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2. PAR-243 Briefing Print Enlarger:

- a. This item was discussed with [REDACTED]

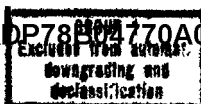
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[REDACTED] Work on the Prototype Enlarger is not progressing as well as I had expected. At the meeting of 9 November 1966 I was led to believe that the Prototype Enlarger would be nearly assembled by early January 1967; although I was informed that all piece parts had been fabricated except for 25 on which drawings had just now been released, my review of the status of assembly at the [REDACTED] did not show very much progress on assembly. The basic frame has no assemblies mounted. In fact, there was no indication that any assemblies were ready for mounting. Some 10-15 sub-assemblies were exhibited, but the assembly drawings required for mounting these had not been released to the Manufacturing Department. The capillary brush system needed to remove excess indexing fluid has been "breadboarded", tested, and drawings released for fabrication. I was unable to see the breadboard, but I was assured there were no problems here. In general, those parts that I was able to see exhibited a high order of excellence, and [REDACTED] and I agree that quality in the fabrication and assembly should not be sacrificed to reduce time.

- b. [REDACTED] does not share my pessimistic view regarding scheduled delivery date of April for the Prototype. He tells me that the above manufacturing coordinator, [REDACTED] has a reputation for meeting his schedules; and unless there is a delay in installing the electrical assemblies (dependent on other assemblies)

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25X1 there is no reason at this time to assume the schedule would not
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[] he made further investigation into the scheduling
at the Manufacturing Department, and in telephonic discussion with
[] on 16 January 1967 he admitted that there was a
real basis for my pessimistic view on delivery. There had in fact,
been a change in the manufacturing schedule at [] knowledge
of which had not been passed to [] A meeting was being
held on 17 January 1967 in an effort to rectify the scheduling.
There will be some delay in delivery of the Prototype Enlarger be-
yond the scheduled 22 April date. Just how much this will be is
not presently known.)

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25X1 c. [] expects to start their equipment tests early in
March 1967 which will be witnessed by all Government representative.

3. PAR-244 Spare Parts for Roller Transport Processors.

a. All parts that were available from stock have been shipped,
and other parts will be shipped as soon as they become available.

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dry cabinet of RT-12 was discussed with []
and a review is being made of the drawings to see if any drawing
errors have been made. [] and perhaps another engineer
are available to come down and re-examine the RT-12 machine and
correct the faults. Just when this will take place depends on
when the machine can be made available to them. It is now in con-
stant operation because of alterations being made in other dark
rooms.

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25X1 c. [] obtained for me several roller mounts which
were needed to mount an additional roller in the dry cabinet. The
mounts were hand carried and will be installed at the first oppor-
tunity.

4. PAR-245 High Magnification Lens Set.

These lenses are still in manufacture as reported from the last visit of
9 November 1966 and no additional information over that reported is yet avail-
able. Provision has, however, been made in the magnification and focus drum
of the Prototype Enlarger to accommodate these new lenses.

5. Joint Procurement of BPE under contract []

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25X1 a. A review was made of assembly drawings and a visit was made
to the [] to determine the status of those assemblies
that had not yet been released for multiple fabrication. Although
little progress has been made on these remaining assemblies, the
drawings are in considerable detail and could be used as a basis
for releasing these assemblies for fabrication.

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b. [] had indicated in their work statement, attached to their proposal for the seven Briefing Prnt Enlargers, that authorization for release of all drawings for fabrication of the seven enlargers was necessary by 15 January 1967 to meet the proposed delivery schedule for the 7 BPE's. After much discussion which included such topics as additional manufacturing and check-out personnel (which it appears are not available in the employment area) and dual installation and check-out teams, an agreement was reached that a message releasing all remaining assemblies for initiation of procurement and fabrication would be sent to them upon my return to the office with the understanding that action on any assembly could be halted at a meeting of the Joint Procurement Liaison Representatives tentatively scheduled for 1 and 2 February 1967. (Such a message has been dispatched by [] in which we acknowledged liability only for actual costs and commitments which may be accomplished between now and the proposed joint meeting. This authorization is not as risky as it may at first appear. About the only thing that will be done in this short period is paper work, but it will save time later on).

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c. In the discussion regarding possible use of a second installation and check-out team, I was informed that creation of such a second team would be most difficult for reasons of obtaining the personnel and that it would have little or no effect on the over-all deliveries. There will in fact be two teams working on the BPE. One will be at [] performing the assembly and testing which is estimated to take four weeks per unit, and another team at the destination which will be making the installation and check-out. Should everything be in readiness at destination and no damage having occurred to the equipment in transit, it is believed that on the average, a little more than one week will be required for installation and check-out, in which case the single team is more than adequate.

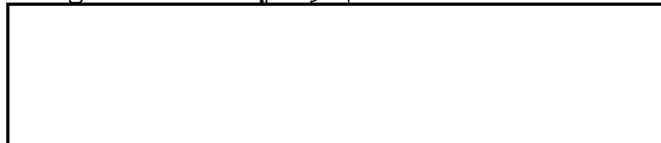
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d. The next joint liaison meeting is tentatively scheduled for 1-2 February []

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The preliminary specifications for these printers have been received and are expected to be approved at the joint meeting in February 1967.

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